

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 945
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Incorporated, upon the celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is an honor for this General Assembly to recognize those estimable businesses that have maintained the highest ideals of product quality and customer service throughout their existence; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable company is Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Incorporated, which recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Bobrick Washroom Equipment is the leading washroom equipment manufacturer in North America, and it produces washroom accessories and toilet partitions for numerous building types, including office, education, hospitality, health care, transportation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, founded by G. A. Bobrick, Bobrick Washroom Equipment opened in Los Angeles, California in 1906; and

WHEREAS, in 1907-1908, G. A. Bobrick invented and developed the first United States patented soap dispenser; and

WHEREAS, the company was purchased by William S. Louchheim in 1946, and Bobrick Washroom Equipment made a major breakthrough with a unique and conceptually new line of recessed stainless steel multi-purpose washroom units in 1961; and

WHEREAS, established in 1990, Bobrick Washroom Equipment's division in Jackson, Tennessee, which began with thirteen employees, manufactures, sells, and distributes high volume stainless steel washroom accessories and toilet partitions; and

WHEREAS, growing substantially over the past sixteen years, the facility in Jackson currently employs seventy-seven sales, production, inventory control, shipping, purchasing, human resource, and finance professionals; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Bobrick Washroom Equipment sponsors an annual fundraiser for United Way; and

WHEREAS, Bobrick Washroom Equipment received the United Way's 2004 Spirit of Tennessee Award, a testament to this estimable company's commitment to volunteerism and community service; and

WHEREAS, with a 100-year history of business excellence and quality products, the owners and employees of Bobrick Washroom Equipment look forward to many more years of superior service and successful sales; and

WHEREAS, the success of Bobrick Washroom Equipment stands as an example of the unflagging American entrepreneurial spirit and American business excellence; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to congratulate Bobrick Washroom Equipment upon this historic occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the owners and employees of Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Incorporated, upon the celebration of their 100th Anniversary, commend them upon their commitment to quality service and professional excellence, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.